

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ball, Kahn, Green, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Ward, Nofs, Mortimer, Murphy.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2005 meeting. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5398 before the committee.

**HB 5398 Green** Human services; foster parents; medical statement required for licensure or certification as foster parents; authorize physician or certified nurse practitioner to complete.

Stacey Hettiger of the House Republican Policy Office testified on the bill.

Ron Hicks of the Michigan Department of Human Services submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Colin Ford of the Michigan State Medical Society submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 5398. Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 10-0-0.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Ball, Green, Kahn, Adamini, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 5398 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 10-1-0.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Ball, Green, Adamini,**

**McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: Rep. Kahn.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid SB 351 before the committee.

**SB 351 Hammerstrom** Occupations; health care professions; registration of acupuncturists; provide for.

Amy Zaagman of Senator Hammerstrom's office testified in support of the bill.

Deborah Lincoln of the Michigan Association of Acupuncturists and Oriental Medicine and Stuart Dunnings III, Ingham County Prosecutor, testified in support of the bill. Ms. Lincoln also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified and indicated a neutral position on the bill.

Lloyd Friesen of American Specialty Health Networks, Inc. submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Doug Borruso of the Michigan Osteopathic Association submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Colin Ford of the Michigan State Medical Society submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Adamini offered the following amendments to SB 351:

1. Amend page 5, line 15, after "**YEAR**" by striking out "**\$150.00**" and inserting "**\$200.00**".
2. Amend page 6, line 13, after "**FOLLOWING**" by striking out "**8**" and inserting "**9**".
3. Amend page 6, line 19, after "**(C)**" by striking out the balance of the line and inserting "**TWO PUBLIC MEMBERS.**"

Representative Adamini moved to adopt the amendments. Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 11-0-0.**

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Robertson, Vander Veen, Ball, Green, Kahn, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Gaffney offered the following amendment to SB 351:

1. Amend page 7, line 9, by striking out “January” and inserting “July”.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Vander Veen supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 12-0-0.**

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Ball, Green, Kahn, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Robertson moved to report SB 351 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 12-0-0.**

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Ball, Green, Kahn, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid HB 5254 before the committee.

**HB 5254 Newell** Insurance; prudent purchaser agreements; provisions regulating pharmaceutical panels and networks; provide for.

Representative Gary Newell, sponsor of HB 5254, testified in support of the bill.

Jim Bock of Whitney Health Care Services and Greg Baran of the Michigan Pharmacists Association testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Brian Broderick of The Economic Alliance for Michigan and the Michigan Health Purchasers Coalition testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Broderick also submitted written testimony.

Cami Pendell and Tim Antonelli of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, Dawn Williams of Daimler Chrysler, and Lauren Baldwin of Caremark testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Pendell and Mr. Antonelli, and Ms. Baldwin also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Fran Wallace of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services testified in opposition to the bill.

Ken Fletcher of the Michigan State AFL-CIO testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Vicki Knighton of Medco testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Knighton also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Amy Shaw of the Michigan Manufacturers Association testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Jay Duprey of the Coalition For Quality Healthcare testified in support of the bill.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Eric Rule of the Michigan Retailers Association.  
Felicia Wasson of St. John Health.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Joe Sproles of General Motors.  
Charlie Pryde of Ford Motor Company.  
Sarah Hubbard of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.  
Jared Rodriguez of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.  
George Carr of Express Scripts.  
Nadine Nosal of the UAW International Union.  
Ken Fletcher of the Michigan State AFL-CIO.  
Cynthia Paul of the Service Employees International Union.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Ward, Nofs, Mortimer, and Murphy. Representative Kahn supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

**Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk  
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